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U.C. to become first educational 'Take-it-Back' Partner in State

OAKLAND – As part California's efforts to expand recycling universal waste to educational institutions, state Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Chief Deputy Director Leonard Robinson will commend the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) and U.C. Vice President Ann Broome for volunteering to establish an employee take-back program for used batteries, cell phones, and mercury thermometers as part of the California Take-It Back Partnership. The program focuses on recycling "universal waste," which are commonly used items that when thrown in landfills can harm the environmental and have a negative impact on public health.

What: Take-it-Back Program Recognition Ceremony

When: Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Where: University of California Office of the President, 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA

DTSC has partnered with both large and small businesses, non-profit organizations, and local governments to reduce the generation of hazardous waste in California. These volunteer programs have helped both public and private entities to cut costs, increase productivity and worker safety, and have reduced industries' impact on the environment.

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